

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/572,935  
Applicants : Guenther HAMBITZER et al.  
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**REPLY**

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated September 3, 2010, and subsequent Advisory Action dated December 14, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicants have petitioned for a two-month extension of time, extending the date of submission from the original due date of December 3, 2010, to February 3, 2011. Accordingly, this Reply is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 11** of this paper.